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SUBJECT: PRE 31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) STATE 220772, B) STATE 220773

1. POL COUNSELOR ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND 15 RAISED FOLLOWING ISSUES
CONTINUED PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7, REF A, WITH ACTING UNDERSECRETARY
FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES ALVARO BONILLA,
WHOSE REACTIONS ARE REPORTED BELOW.

2. KOREA- REPORTED BOGOTA 9362

3. MIDDLE EAST- COLOMBIA WOULD VOTE AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO
SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA FOR ANY INITIATIVE WHICH WAS TOO
"ABUSIVE" OF ISRAEL. COLOMBIA WOULD, HOWEVER, SUPPORT CALLS
UPON ISRAEL TO ABIDE BY SC RESOLUTION 242.

4. SOUTHERN AFRICA- THE GOC SHARED THE U.S. VIEWS OF THE
PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS CONTAINED IN THE TALKING POINTS
AND IN THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO
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5. ZIONISM/RACISM- BONILLA SIDE STEPPED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER COLOMBIA WOULD AGAIN ABSTAIN ON THIS, AS IT DID IN THE 30TH UNGA. HE OPINED THAT THE SCENE OF MAJOR CONTROVERSY ON THE ISSUE WOULD BE THE UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. IN WHICHEVER FORUM, BONILLA SAID, COLOMBIA'S POSITION WOULD DEPEND IN PART ON THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS- BONILLA REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST AND COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THE FRG PLANNED TO PROPOSE A HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION AT THE UNGA, HE SAID, WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDED AS NAIVE, AND BONILLA HAD EXPRESSED THIS VIEW TO THE FRG EMBASSY OFFICER WHO DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM. BONILLA'S MAIN RESERVATION WAS THAT FEW NATIONS WOULD WISH TO PLACE THEMSELVES UNDER INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

7. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM- COLOMBIA WAS ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT TERRORISM AND PLANNED, JOINTLY WITH VENEZUELA, TO PRESENT AT THE UNGA A RESOLUTION WHICH CONDEMNED SPECIFIC TERRORIST ACTS. THE DETAILS OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH THE VENEZUELANS AT THE UNGA. BONILLA DISCUSSED THE FRG PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TERRORISM, WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT UP IN A PREVIOUS CONVERSATION (BOGOTA 8910), AND STATED THAT HE NO LONGER BELIEVED, AS HE HAD EARLIER, THAT THE FRG AND COLOMBO-VENEZUELAN PROPOSALS COULD BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE INITIATIVE. HE WAS RETICENT ABOUT WHAT THE GOC'S POSITION WOULD BE WITH REGARD TO THE FRG PROPOSAL.

8. POL COUNSELOR PROVIDED BONILLA WITH A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF U.S. VIEWS CONTAINED PARAGRAPH 8, REF A, AS WELL AS U.S. VIEWS ON KOREA AND MIDDLE EAST.

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